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Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner's allowance of claims 1-13 is respectfully acknowledged. The allowed claims have been amended only to make some minor grammatical improvements and to correct some minor antecedent basis problems so as to put the claims in better form for issuance in a U.S. patent. In particular, it is noted that the informality at line 11 of claim 1 pointed out by the Examiner has been corrected.

No new matter has been added, and no new issues with respect to patentability have been raised. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the amendments to the claims be approved and entered. And it is respectfully submitted that the amended claims remain in condition for immediate allowance.

It is respectfully submitted, moreover, that the amendments to the claims are clerical in nature only and are not related to patentability and do not narrow the scope of the claims either literally or under the doctrine of equivalents.

THE SPECIFICATION

The specification has been amended to correct the minor informalities pointed out by the Examiner. No new matter has been added, and it is respectfully requested that the amendments to the specification be approved and entered and that the objection to the specification be withdrawn.

THE DRAWINGS

Figs. 1 and 2 have been amended as indicated on the accompanying annotated sheets to be labeled as Prior Art, as required by the Examiner.

In addition, Figs. 2, 3, 6 and 9-12 have been amended as indicated on the accompanying annotated sheets to label the blocks shown therein with descriptive legends, as also required by the Examiner.

New sheets of formal drawing incorporating the amendments are submitted herewith.

No new matter has been added, and it is respectfully requested that the amendments to the drawings be approved and entered and that the objection to the drawings be withdrawn.


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In view of the foregoing, entry of this Amendment and the passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

Application No. 09/989,515
Response to Office Action

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,



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FIG. 1

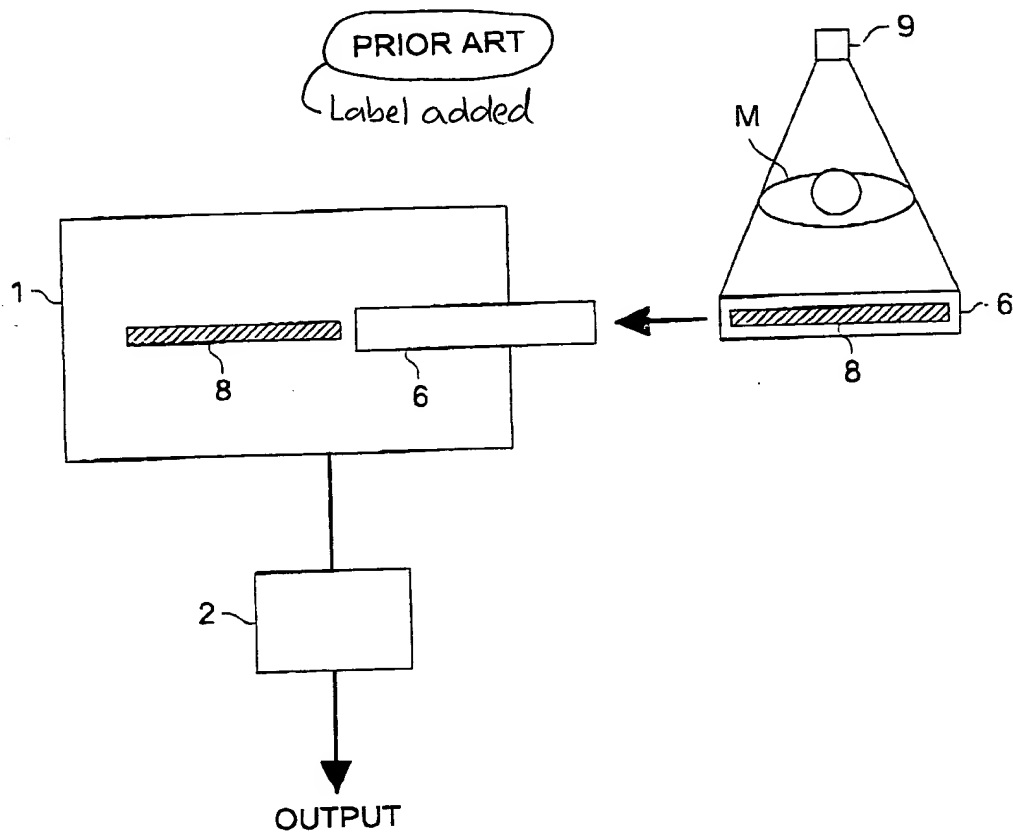


FIG. 2

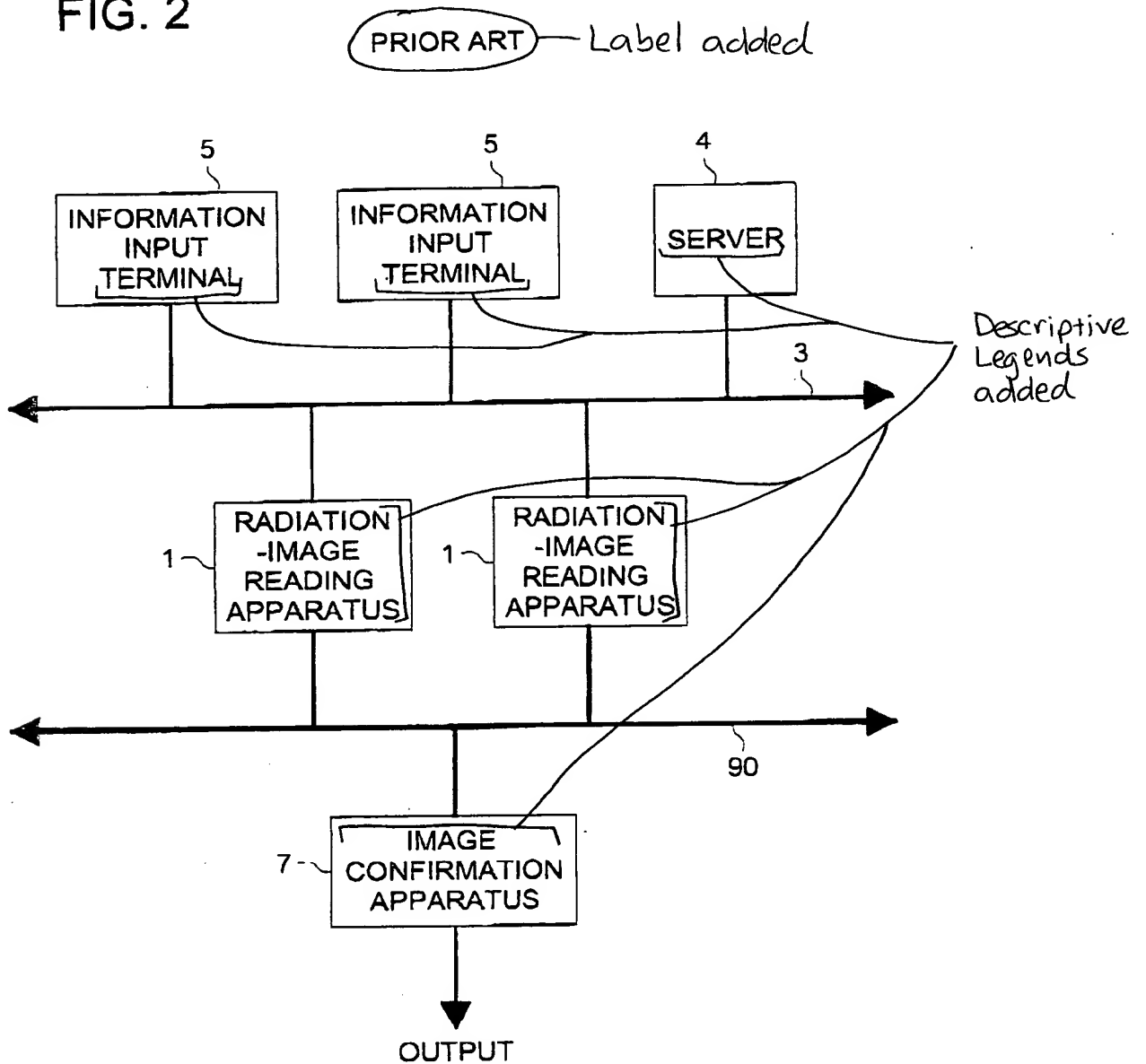


FIG. 3

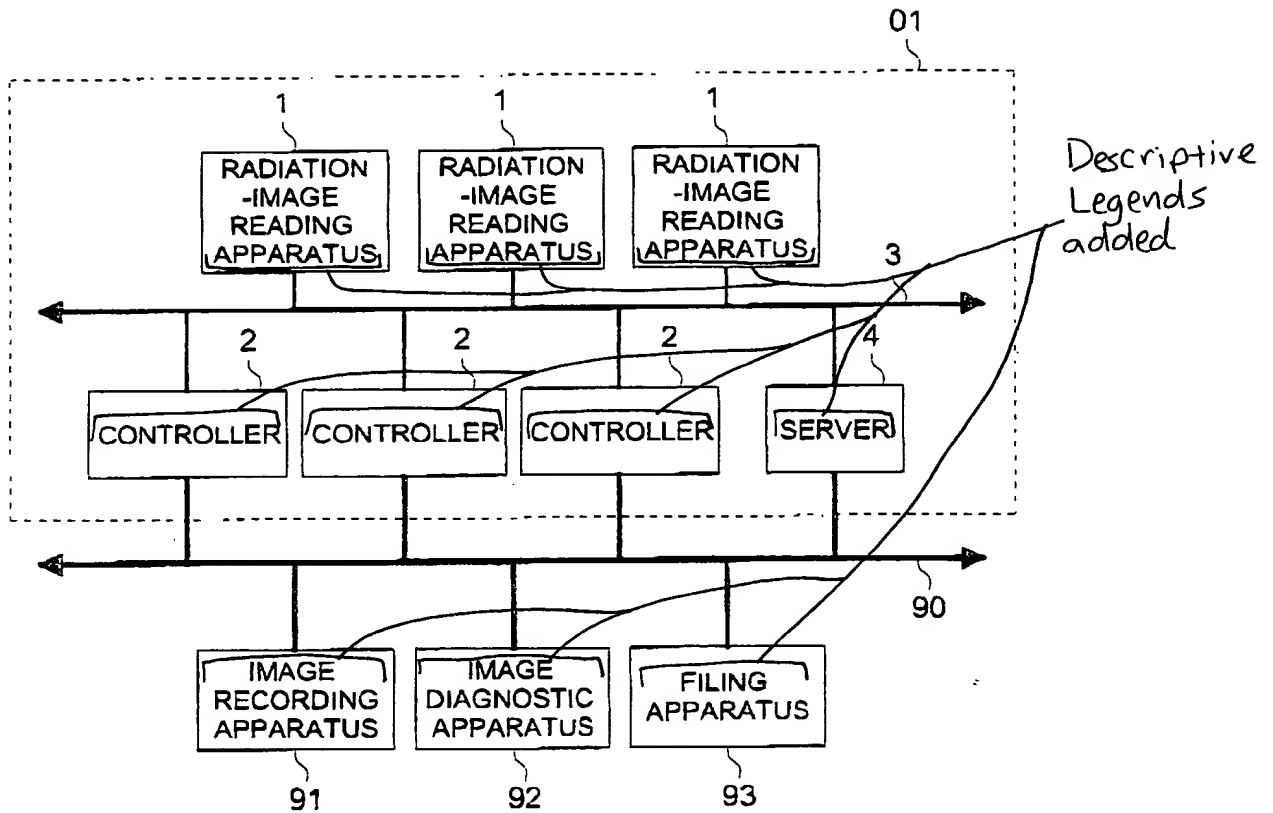
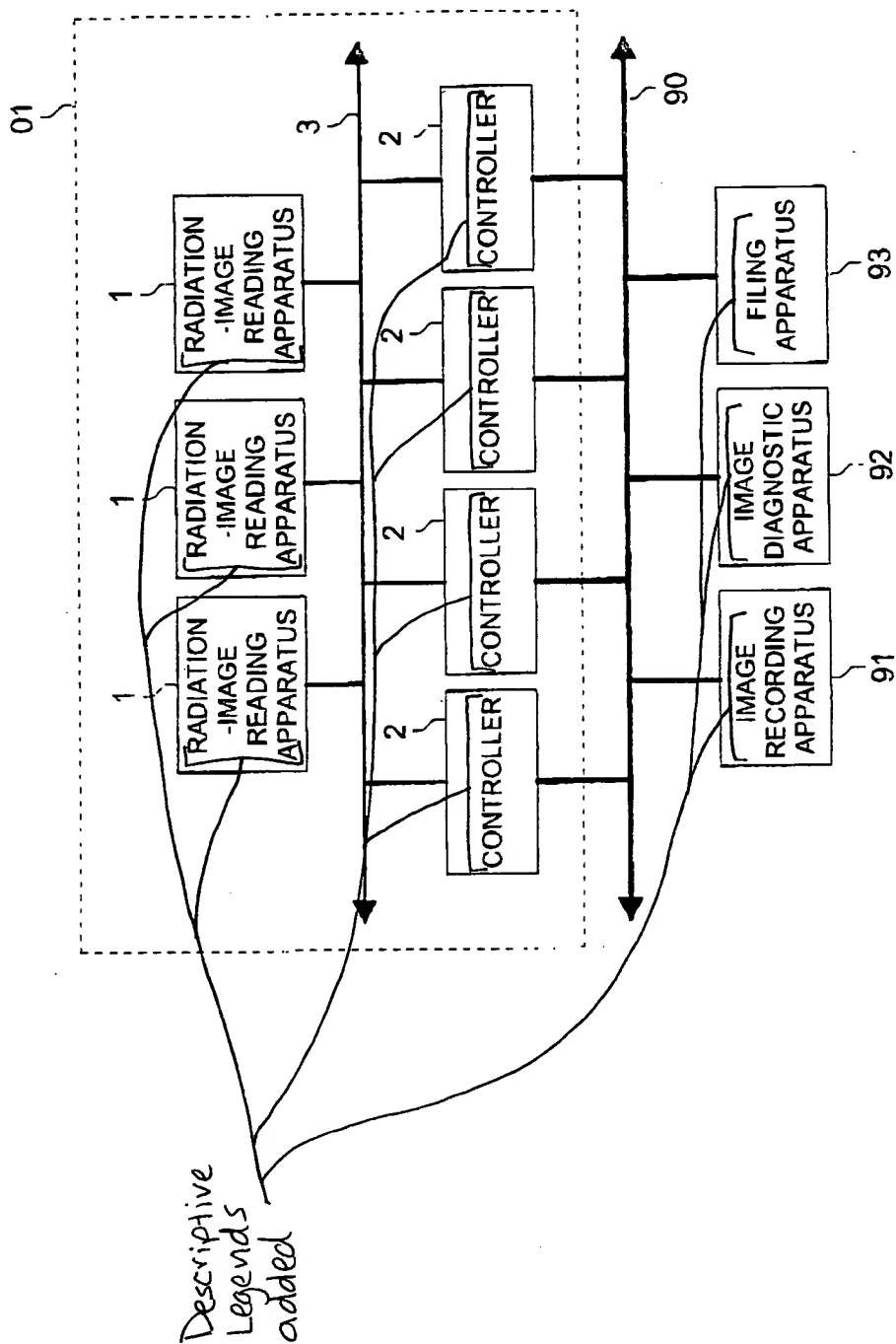
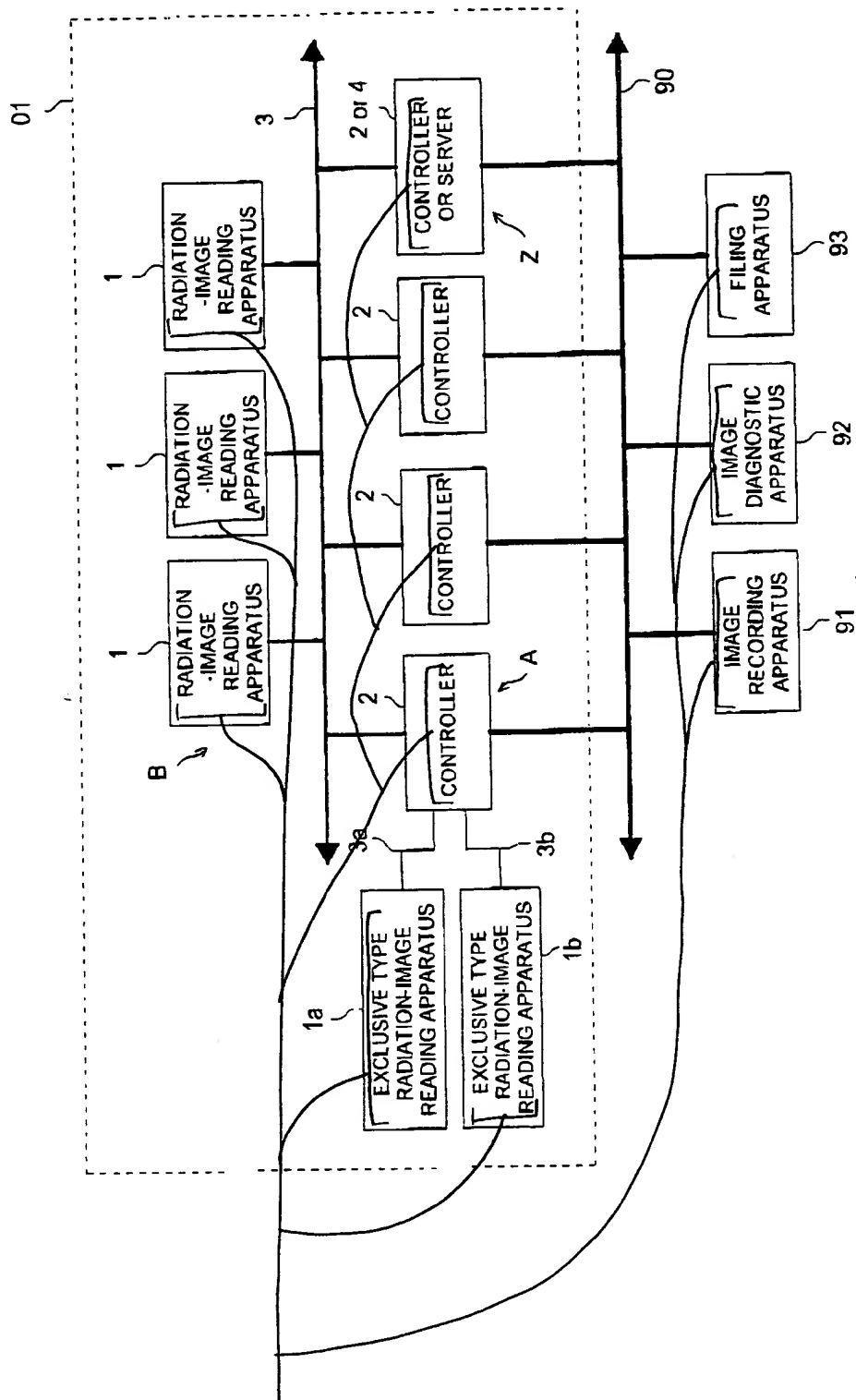


FIG. 6



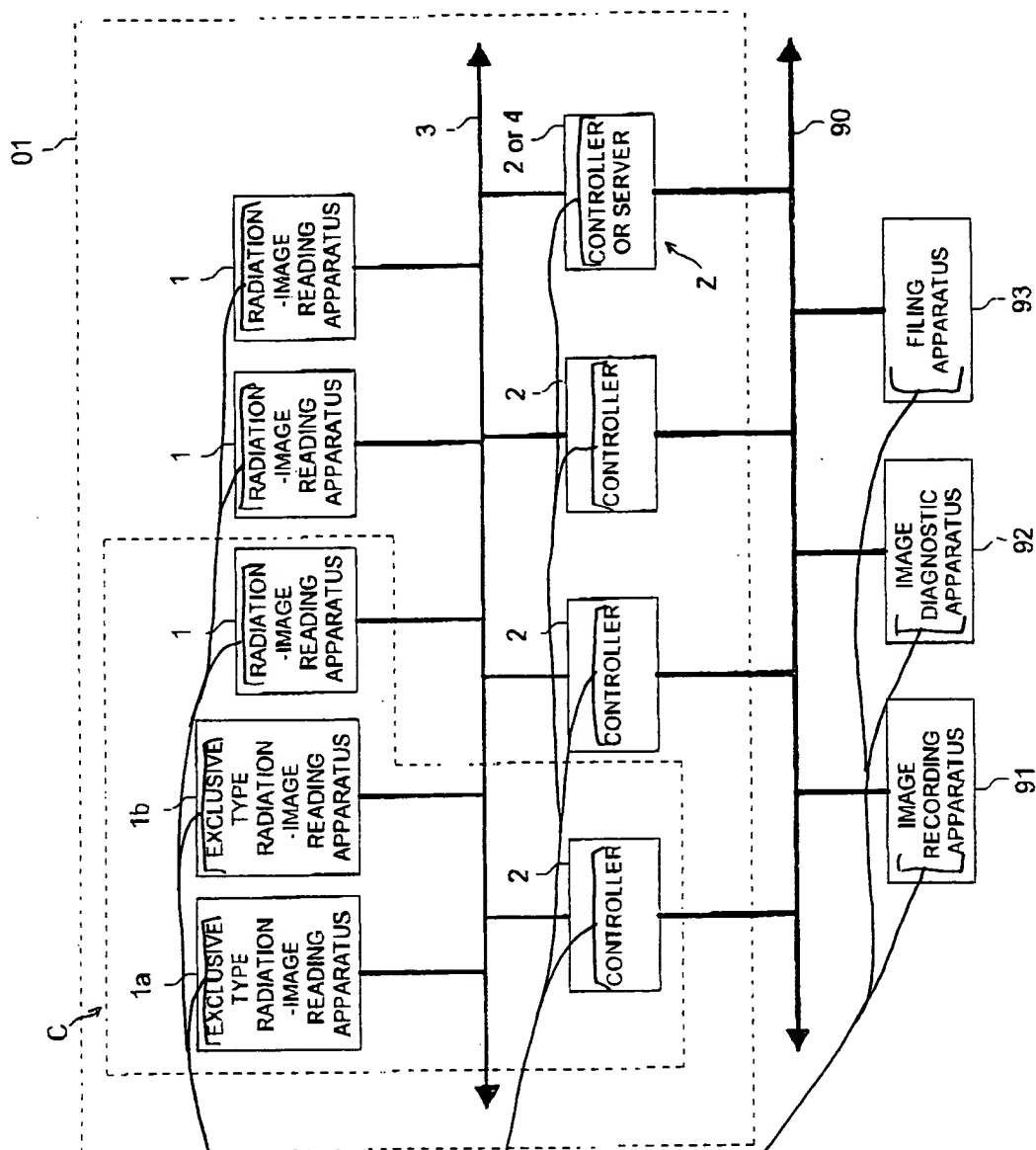
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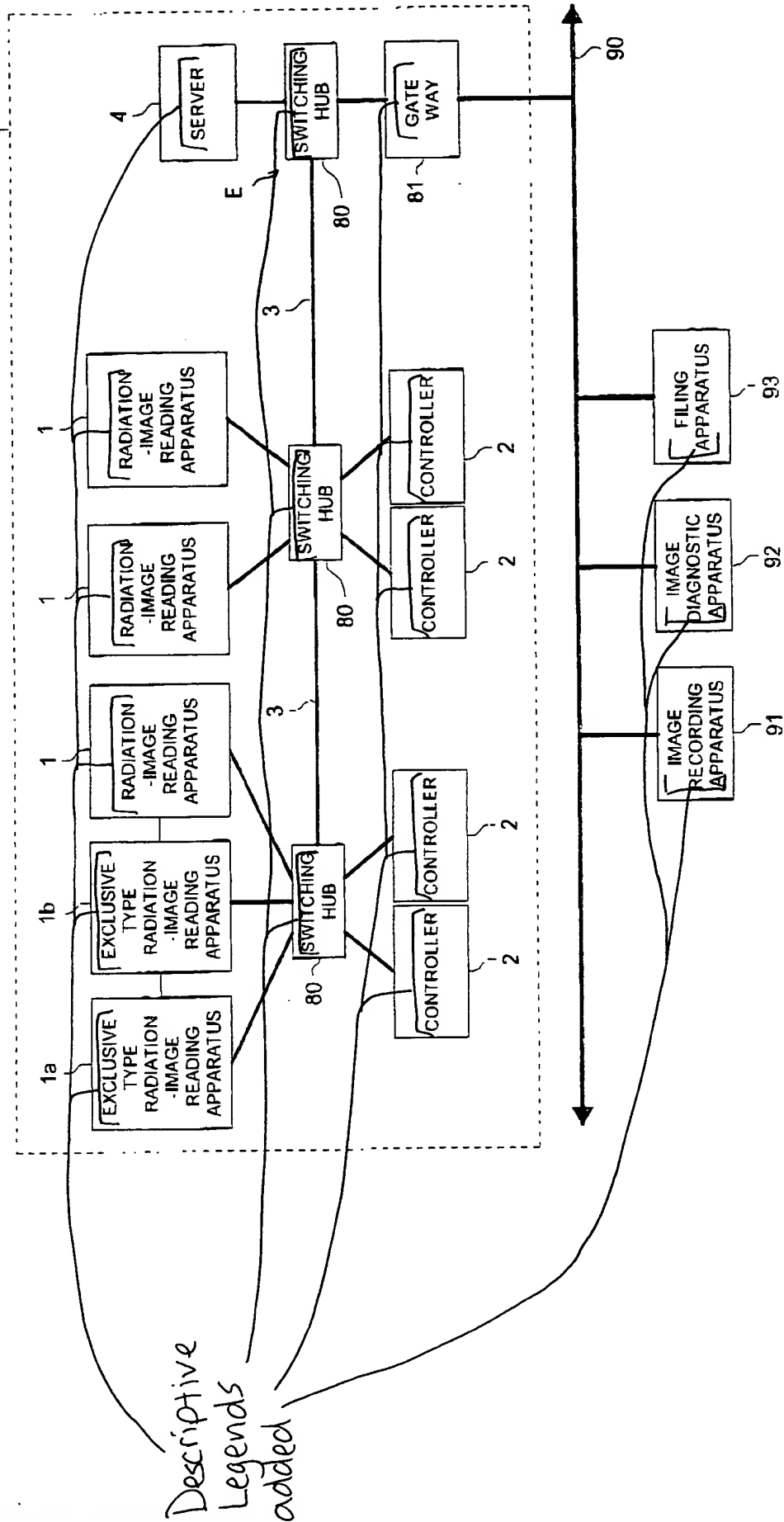


FIG. 12

